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AMENDMENT and REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is provided in response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2002 (Paper No. 25), received in the above-identified patent application. This response is timely filed on November 18, 2002 (as November 16, 2002 was a Saturday), in view of the Petition for Extension of Time up to and including November 18, 2002, supplied herewith.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 54 and 55 to read as follows:

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54. (Amended) The method of claim 50, wherein the composition is coated with an enteric layer that dissolves within the small intestine to allow exposure of the membrane to a liquid of the terminal ileum or colon.